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Council rizes bond for new senior center

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Romulus City Council members unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the sale of bonds in the amount of $3.5 million to build a new senior citizen community center.

"We found a way to fund this without raising taxes," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "Taxes are high enough and I would not do anything to raise the taxes in this community."

The funds to build the center will not come out of the pocket of taxpayers, something Lambert said he is very pleased about.

"People are hurting right now, so I am thrilled that the money to build this new center will be coming from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund," said Lambert. "It allows us to build this facility, but not take money out of the pockets of our residents."

The project includes the construction of a 15,400-square-foot senior center, with administrative offices, a kitchen, library, family room, conference/club room, billiards/game room, multi-purpose rooms and a meeting room. The current senior center will be demolished after the new center is completed. The project cost will be about $3.1 million, according to Tim Keyes, economic development director.

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>
> **Mayor Alan Lambert**

"The funds for the senior center project are coming from two areas, which have both been approved by our city council," he said. "The first being the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund for $2.1 million and then $1 million is coming from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). So, this project is properly financed."

However, some people in the community did not agree with that assertion.

Some citizens circulated a petition to put the project to a vote. Their concern, according, to the petition, is that if the DDA revenue won't be enough to pay for the bond repayment, the funds would come from the city general fund-or the taxpayers. Keyes said this is not true.

"First of all, the majority of this money is coming from CDBG funds, which comes from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)," said Keyes. "This money will be there and has already been approved for the purpose of building a new senior center."

Keyes said that if for some unforeseen reason the funds were not available from the CDBG fund, there is enough money in the DDA budget to cover the cost of the new senior center.

"It isn't something we need to worry about, but if for some reason it did happen, the money would come out of the DDA, not out of the general fund," he said. "The people will not be paying for this building."

Each year the city receives grant money for the CDBG fund. With this money, the city funds projects such as purchasing three new emergency vehicles or moving

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Special delivery

Romulus Firefighter Neal Allgood, Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Firefighter Mike Wojtylko Jr. stand in front of one of two new fire engines recently delivered to the Romulus Fire Department. The new engines will replace outdated vehicles and include the latest technologies for fighting fires.

City receives $1.8 million to clean up school landfill

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

There will be a new park in the city, built with $1.8 million in state funds, but there is a catch.

The 260-acre area in which the park will be placed is just north of Wick Elementary School and will sit on top of a landfill. About 15 years ago giant drums containing hazardous waste were stored at the site, said city officials. However, since that time the drums have been removed and the site has been vacant.

A previous plan suggested would have transformed the site into a golf course, but even though the plans were drawn up and paid for, the proposal didn't go any further.

Tim Keyes, the economic development director for the city, said Romulus will receive a grant to transform the site into a public park.

"We are one of the few communities - if not the only community - that is allowed to get this money directly, but part of that came with a bunch of ties," said Keyes. "So, we have been negotiating with the state."

City council members authorized Mayor Alan Lambert to sign an agreement with the State of Michigan to receive a $1.8 million grant to turn the site into an open-space park for the public to use.

"We want to use this money to correct the health and safety issue and specifically cap the site," said Keyes.

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34th District Court race heats up

Andrea King
Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writers

With the general election less than three weeks away, 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley and his opponent, attorney Robert Coutts, are vying for the votes of Belleville and Romulus residents.

The 34th District Court serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren. Oakley was elected in 1998 and started his first term in 1999.

He said that he brings livelihood and passion to the court system.

"People come up to me and tell me I look like I'm having so much fun up there. That's because I am," he said. "Helping the people who come through the court room is not work to me. I love going to work every day because it's not really work."

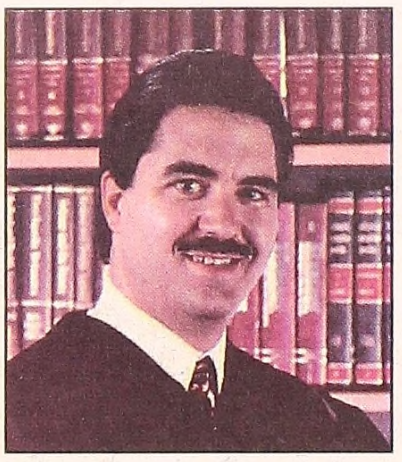
Coutts, a resident of Van Buren Township, is currently in private practice. He said he believes that he will be able to do good things for the 34th District Court and its constituents.

"I will be a full-time judge willing to work to maintain the public trust. I will be firm and fair, especially when it comes to crime," he said.

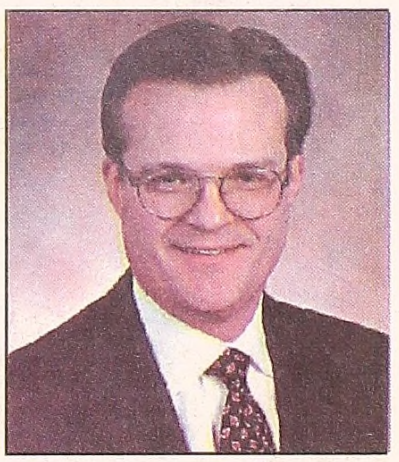
Crime is something with which Coutts is familiar, beginning with his upbringing in the City of Detroit.

"My dad was a Detroit police officer for 25 years," he said. "So my whole life has revolved around the criminal justice system."

Since 1991, Coutts has spent much of his time working at the court in small claims mediation, general civil case evaluation and as a circuit court case evaluator. He currently sits on the Van Buren Township School Board as a trustee, a function he said he finds very rewarding.



Judge Brian Oakley



Robert Coutts

"Working to better the lives of children is very important to me," he said. "So much of my contact with children has been in places like probate court and to be able to help kids in a positive way outside the courtroom is very gratifying."

Oakley said he has been instrumental in the implementa-

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Hot time

Local engineer recalls first Mt. St. Helens eruption

Scott Spielman
Editor

Jack Shirlin monitors 20 Perkins engines on a floating pump station in Spirit Lake. The engines powered pumps that diverted 5 million gallons of water an hour to the nearby Toutle River.

The current images of a smoldering Mt. St. Helens strike a particular chord for Wayne businessman Jack Shirlin.

Shirlin, co-owner of KLAI Enterprises, has been closer to the tempestuous mountain than most. He spent a few tense days near the site of the volcano about three years after the May 18, 1980 eruption that affected the weather patterns on two continents and coated a large portion of the state in ash.

"It certainly was a different kind of experience," said Shirlin.

It was an important project, too, one that ultimately ensured the safety of about 40,000 residents living near the volcano.

The eruption had a devastating effect on the land nearby, he said, including Spirit Lake, a 250-foot-deep reservoir on the northern slope of the mountain. The eruption had sent tons of ash into the pristine lake, knocked down trees and sent molten rock that thoroughly clogged the natural waterways that provided drainage to the lake.

The water level continued to rise, causing a near continual flood threat to the communities of Castle Rock, Kelso and Longview.

In a stopgap measure, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers devised a plan to keep the water levels down. It consisted of a barge-mounted pumping station on the lake that fed water through a 34,500 long pipe down to the Toutle River. That was put into place about a month after the eruption, but three years later, it was determined that the engines attached to the pumps weren't adequately doing the job.

That's where Shirlin, then an applications engineer for Perkins Engines, Inc., came in. Word filtered back that stronger engines were required, Shirlin said, through the extensive collection of distribution centers operated by Perkins. Perkins, a worldwide business, had a plant located in Wayne and their 6.3544 (M) marine engines had the reputation for reliability and quality.

Shirlin soon found himself on a trip across the country to set up the engines on the barge and make sure they were all operating properly.

"You hear about it all, and all of a sudden, you're on the site," he said.

Even getting there was not easy. A 'red zone' had been set up for a 17-mile perimeter of the volcano. Permits were required to even enter it. The only way to the reservoir was by helicopter, and anyone heading that way had to bring their own sleeping bags and food, as if they were going on a camping trip.

Shirlin said he vividly remembers the vast expanse of devastation caused by the huge eruption. He said it looked like the surface of the moon.

"Trees were lying like pick up sticks all over the ground," he said. "There was nothing alive. Everything was dead in the lake, even after three years. It was kind of frightening, if you think about it."

Shirlin had plenty of time to think about it, too, as he set up the 20 engines necessary to pump out the water and keep levels down. Working in an eerie, pervasive silence, he helped attach the engines to the pumps so they would be able to maintain a steady workload, pumping out 5 million gallons of water an hour.

Ash was still everywhere; anyone walking on the site left footprints in it, and Shirlin collected some as a souvenir. St. Helens was an ever-present reminder in the background, too.

"You were always looking over your shoulder," said Shirlin. "It was still puffing. It would stop at 6 p.m. at night, as if it were going to bed for the night, but it would be puffing again in the morning."

Shirlin was a jet engine specialist in the Air Force, stationed in England for three years. After that he worked with a Grand Prix race crew in Europe and in various research and develop capacities for American Motors and the Ford Motor Co. He and his business partner Bob Kaiser are currently working on a variety of inventions and car modifications at their Wayne shop, everything from customized convertible tops to hydraulic devices that easily lift shingles off of rooftops.

His ability to tinker with things and solve those kinds of problems made it an easy choice to take on the Spirit Lake problem, he said.

"I like those kinds of things anyway, and it's something that most people will never be involved with."

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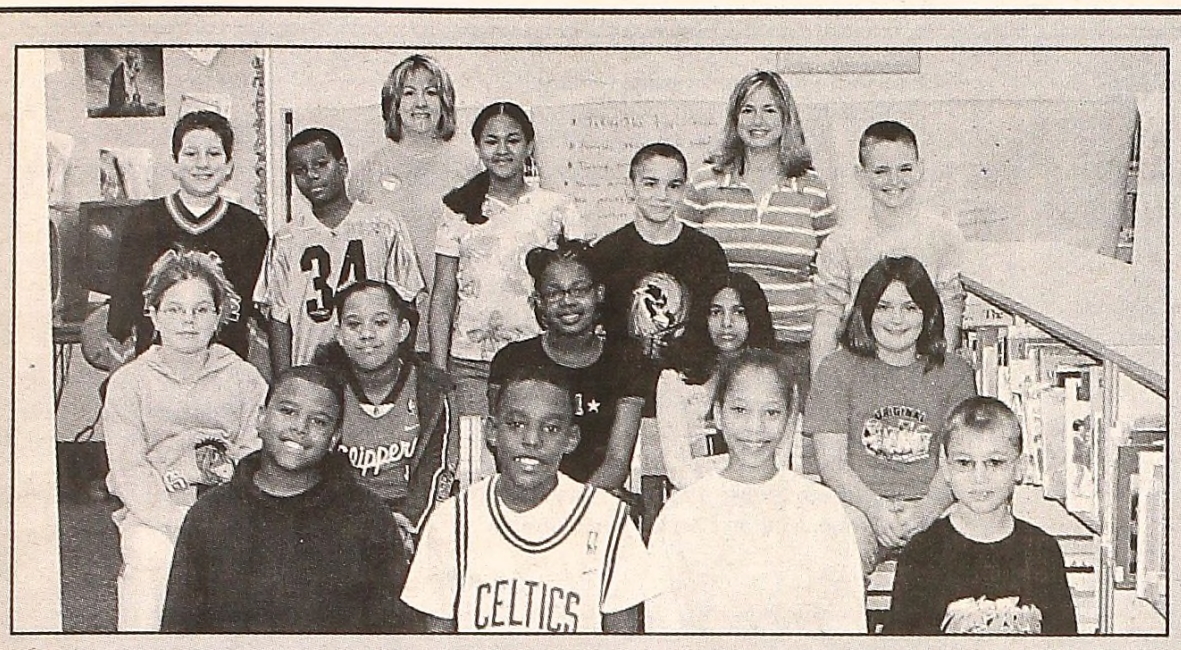

The new peer mediators at Merriman Elementary School recently completed their training program. They are now prepared and ready to help other students solve day-today problems.

New peer mediators selected

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

When the word mediator comes to mind, one might think of someone helping end a dispute between professional athletes and team owners or opposing parties in a legal dispute.

Not at Merriman Elementary School, however.

One of the most highly sought after student activity positions at the school is that of a peer mediator, according to principal Shellie Moore.

"Our kids really look forward to electing the mediators for the year," said Moore. "It is a title that many students wish to have."

Moore said 3 years ago the staff and faculty at Merriman wanted to give students another way to deal with day-to-day problems at school.

"We wanted to give them another avenue," she said, "something that gave them an option if a situation arose."

Social Worker Rene Kish and Behavioral Specialist Tina Perkins, along with 12 fifth and sixth graders attended training classes through the Knopf Co. in Plymouth on how to become and train mediators.

"At the beginning of each school year we survey the kids on who they think would make a good mediator," said Moore. "Kids from the fifth and sixth grade are chosen by the student body and then trained by Kish and Perkins to become peer mediators."

The training consists of eight classes for the chosen mediators during which they learn how to mediate a problem, steps to resolving the problem and what problems they should refer to adults.

Seniors

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and restoring the Kingsley House.

The city has received letters of support from both Wayne County and HUD ensuring that the funds will be made available under the CBDG to help build this senior center, said Keyes.

Lambert said the petition circulated in the community was deceiving. He said the petition itself was fraudulent, because the person listed as the circulator was not the same person taking it door to door.

"People are playing politics here, folks," said Lambert. "They are breaking the law and there will be an investigation."

> *Our goal in the next couple of years is to also build a new recreation center, but for right now they will have a space in the new senior center.*

Councilman Leroy Burcroff said that residents informed him that they had been misled on the issue.

"I personally talked to some people and they were told things that were not true," said Burcroff. "They were angered when the issue was fully explained to them."

Those circulating the petition have only gathered 300 signatures, well below the 1,600 needed to force a referendum on the senior center.

Council also authorized DDA Director Maria Lambert to enter the city into an agreement with Wayne County to begin receiving the CDBG funds.

"This is the biggest thing that has taken place in this city for the last 20 years," said Councilman William Wadsworth.

Plans for the new senior center have been in the works for more than a year and it is long overdue, according to Linda Norman, the senior citizens coordinator.

"It will be a big asset to the seniors in this community," said Norman. "You can walk through the building we are in now and realize how badly we need this new center. This place is in bad shape, right now."

Norman said she hopes to reach a number of new seniors once in the new center.

"We are so limited to how many programs we can offer to our seniors because of our current location and space," she said. "But hopefully at the new center with all the increased space, we will be able to offer a number of different activities to help the seniors stay active."

Keyes said that if the current schedule holds up, construction on the new center could begin this fall.

"It all depends on the weather, truthfully," he said. "If the weather holds up and they are able to have the new building at least enclosed by the time the snow comes, they will be able to work on it through the winter months."

Keyes said the project is expected to take 12 to 14 months.

The Romulus Recreation Department will also find a home in the new center.

Currently, the recreation department is connected to the senior center. Both share a common room to host activities, but with the construction of the new senior center, the recreation department will also get more space.

"Our goal in the next couple of years is to also build a new recreation center, but for right now they will have a space in the new senior center," said Lambert.

Although the two will be housed in the same building, they will no longer be connected to one another, said Keyes.

"They will both have their own entrances," he said, "nothing like the way it stands today."

Race

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tion of several new programs at the court. The programs include the Juvenile Justice Program, which allows youthful offenders to be closely monitored locally, as well as, an at-court suspension program that will allow schools and parents to "sentence" a child to a day in court when the only other alternative is a suspension from school and a "free" day at home.

As a husband and a father, he said children are important, and that he understands the many problems that families face today. He constantly encourages youthful offenders to stay in school and work hard.

"I feel like I've made a difference, especially with kids," said Oakley. "Education is the key that opens life's doors. I am constantly telling the kids that more education equals greater opportunities. To know that I've made a difference is very gratifying."

He said that he truly cares about people and their problems, and he tries to treat everyone with respect and dignity.

"Any one of us can make mistakes and have bad things happen in our lives, but I cannot abide a liar or someone who will not try to improve their situation," said Oakley. "Take care of business—do what you have to do to stay out of trouble and work toward your goals."

"I strongly believe that it is so important to give back to the community," he added.

Landfill

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There is half a million cubic yards of soil on the site that was brought there during the creation of the fourth runway at the airport, he said.

Keyes said the intent of the city is to use that dirt for a cap and then use the existing golf course drawings. The dirt would be moved only to where the existing landfill is today.

"We would go in and clear the trees where the landfill area is," said Keyes. "We will almost build a golf course - type park area. At a minimum we will cap the landfill, have a methane gas ventilation system and have open green space, all with the State of Michigan's money."

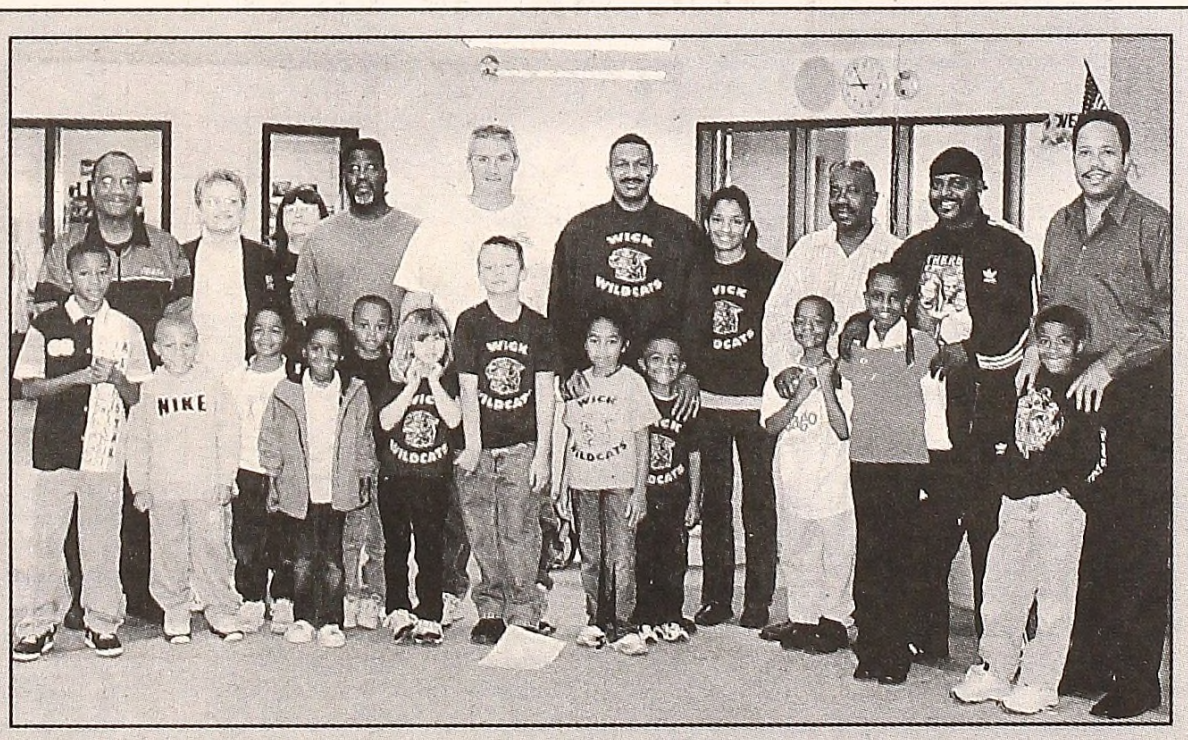
The methane gas ventilation system will consist of numerous 8-foot poles placed around the site. The poles will be used to allow the methane gas on the site to escape into the atmosphere.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak said she was concerned with the use of the dirt that is currently on the property, because it is left over from the airport expansion.

"We have talked to the state about that and they are comfortable with the soil," said Keyes. "What you are dealing with is that hydrocarbons would only be on the top layer, if at all. The state, at this time, is not requiring any additional testing of the soil."

The state will require many different provisions within the agreement to ensure safety on the site.

The cap must be at least 18 inches thick in the affected areas of the site with a vegetative cover on top to prevent soil erosion. A 2,600 linear foot split-rail fence must be placed along the western boundary and a 700-foot linear foot 6-foot high chain link fence on the northern property boundary. On these fences, three types of warning signs must be posted throughout the site.



Donuts for Dads

Wick Elementary School hosted a "Donuts for Dads" day to help celebrate all that fathers and grandfathers do for the students. David Benson, from left, Mikos Jones, Kenneth Fultz, Principal Debbie Juriga, Sandy Dotson, Releford Gamble, Charelle, Mercedes, and Kolby Gamble, Dave Eddings, Samantha and Levi Eddings, Gerod and Danielle Funderburg, Rachel and Romney Funderburg, Howard and Malik Mallard, Kirk and Ciara Dawson, Michael Mickey and London Brown, participated in the event.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL

HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: None.
Absent: None.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R.Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

04-395

* Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff pursuant to Section 4.7 of the RomulusCity Charter, to acknowledge the resignation of Councilman Charles E. Miller filed on September 13, 2004, and direct City Attorney Barry Seifman to research on the question of whether Mr. Charles Miller can now retract his resignation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll. Call
1. Agenda

2. Minutes
A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 13, 2004.
3. Petitioners
A. None.
4. Chairpersons Report Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem.
5. Mayors Report - Alan Lambert, Mayor
A. Storm Water Retention/Detention Agreement with Bravada Plaza
B. Appointments to the Romulus Building Authority.
C. Introduction of Budget Amendment 04/05-03.
D. Introduction of Budget Amendment 04/05-04.
E. Introduction of Budget Amendment 04/05-05.
F. Introduction of Budget Amendment 04/05-06.
6A. Administrative Report - Linda R. Choate, Clerk
1. National League of Cities Conference.
2. Resignation of Councilman Charles Miller. *Deleted.
3. Amended & Restated Development Plan.
For Your Information:
1. Semcog Regional Update.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication
11. Warrant 04-18
12. Adjournment

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

04-396

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve meeting of the Romulus city Council held September 13, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-397

4A. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution of Charles Goodin.

Roll call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak,- Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried unanimously.

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-398

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Storm Water Retention/Detention Maintenance Agreement between the City of Romulus and Bravada Plaza located at 35681 Van born Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-399

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the following reappointment to the Romulus Building Authority:

Russell Lambert, term expiring 10/27/07
Howard Kesner, term expiring 10/27/07
Jack Trumble, term expiring 10/27/07
and the appointments of:
Debra Hoffman, term expiring 12/02/05
Richard Suiter, term expiring 12/02/05

To cover the costs of the cemetery caretaker from September 2004 through June 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-400

5B2. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to forward a communication thanking Roger Kadau, Bert Smith and Barry Baumann for serving on the Romulus Building Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-401

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-03:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.		CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMEND BUDGET
Cemetery				
Expenditures:				
1014140-741.70-24	Part-time Salaries	400.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
Building & Grounds				
Expenditures:				
101-4130-741.77-30	Contractual Services	23,836.00	(2,000.00)	21,836.00

To cover the costs of the cemetery caretaker from September 2004 through June 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04402

5D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-04:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Emergency Management:			
Revenues:	0		
101-3510-512.54-37 Homeland Training Grant	0	10,200	10,200
Expenditures:			
101-3510-735.73-10 Operating Supplies Homeland Training	0	1,200	1,200
101-3510-735.77-30 -Contractual Services	54,492	9,000	63,492

To recognize grant revenues and offsetting expenditures for the 2003 Homeland Training grant previously approved by council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-403

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05-05:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	BUDGET
General Fund			
Expenditures:			
101-2130-721.74-17 Weed Cutting-C.O.P.	5,000	8,000	13,000
Fund Balance	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
General Fund	695,256	8,000	687,256

To appropriate additional funds for the additional costs incurred for contractual services for the weed cutting on City owned property thru June 30, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-404

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 04/05
06:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	BUDGET	CURRENT AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund			
Expenditures:			
101-3810-738.77-30 Planning -Contractual Svcs.	65,800	2,500	68,300
Fund Balance	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
General Fund	687,256	2,500	684,756

To appropriate additional funds for the additional costs incurred for contractual services for additional work for the Master Plan update per Council Resolution #04-229.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-405

6A 1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize Elected Officials attendance at the National League of Cities 8 11 Congres's of Cities and Exposition,

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-three (33).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Pine Forest Subdivision. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated Pine Forest Subdivision is located on the east side of Elwell Road and south of West Huron River Drive and consists of 114 single family homes. The Pine Forest Homeowners' Association has filed a petition with over fifty percent of the homeowners' signatures for the installation of two streetlights one to be placed at each entrance of the subdivision. At the September 7, 2004 Board of Trustee Meeting the Special Assessment District was established. An additional public hearing is required prior to approving the spreading of the special assessment to the tax roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The homeowner's association will pay the capital outlay construction costs in he amount of $2,411.21. The initial annual cost will be $515.50, or $4.52 per lot. Supervisor King inquired what the correct number of lots is in the subdivision due to two different numbers referenced? Director Kelley stated there are 114 lots and a correction will be made to Resolution 2004-32.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to public roads in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this public hearing is to establish a special assessment district (SAD) for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to public roads in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions. This is the second in a three-stage process in putting a SAD together. This is to define the geographic boundaries and identifies the benefited parities of the SAD. It does not commit property owners to an assessment cost at this time. Director Kelley further stated if the Board of Trustees approves this resolution tonight the next step in the special assessment process is to present a resolution for the special assessment roll for the engineering drawings and construction documents to the Board of Trustees for their approval at a future Board Meeting after the thirty day notice period. This project has been discussed over the past ten years and would replace approximately 2.6 miles of residential roads and make improvements to storm water management systems in these two subdivisions. The bidder chosen by the property owners is Spaulding DeDecker Associates, Inc. in the amount of $127,250. There are 198 lots in the combined two subdivisions and 118 qualified owners have signed petitions. Although there is a commitment from Wayne County to participate in the project, there is no guarantee of an amount to be paid until the project is presented to them.

Board members and residents made the following comments. Supervisor King reviewed the special assessment process. Trustee Jahr inquired if during the next public hearing to spread the special assessment roll could a property owner remove their name from the petition. Director Kelley stated yes they could remove their name from the petition. He further stated the project would continue as long as a majority of the property owners remain on the petition. Trustee Jahr inquired what would happen is for some reason another qualified engineering firm submitted a lower bid than Spaulding DeDecker? Director Kelley stated he would contact the property owners and allow them to decide on which bid to accept. He further stated if this district were established tonight, prior to the next public hearing there would be a meeting with the property owners to discuss the length of time for the special assessment to be spread. Director Kelley also reviewed the bid process used for the engineers.

Supervisor King stated Wayne County has jurisdiction of the roads, however; the township has put in a considerable amount of man hours to assist the property owners in this road project. Trustee Herman stated once the plans are completed even if the road project is not done immediately the plans still remain viable for future use and also noted the petitions could have been sent directly to Wayne County, but the process probably would not be at this stage. Clerk Payne stated there would not be a Board Meeting on November 2nd due to the General Election so the next available date after the thirty-day notice time period would be the Board Meeting of November 16th.

A resident inquired how would drainage problems be corrected? Director Kelley stated the soil borings Wayne County took during May 2004 showed not all of the drainage system needs to be improved and only about 25 percent of the subdivisions will be impacted by the new storm water system. He further stated each resident would need to come the township to review the plans for potential improvements on their property. Supervisor King stated the yards and driveways would be restored after the project is completed.

A resident stated the roads are under the jurisdiction of Wayne County and they should pay for the restoration of the roads.

A resident inquired how long before the roads would be paved if the special assessment process is approved? Director Kelley stated if all the special assessment processes are approved May 1st is the potential projected start date of the project.

A resident stated Wayne County funding has been cut by the State of Michigan and may have to prioritize the road projects. Supervisor King stated the money for road repairs comes from the state gas tax.

Trustee Hart inquired what would happen if a property was sold during the time a special assessment was on the tax bill? Director Kelley stated the special assessment would still be collected.

A resident stated the property owners need to proceed with this project and stated there is an obligation by the County to maintain the roads and if funding improves for Wayne County then a roll back or a tax abatement should be done and would like assistance from the County Commissioners. He further stated when he called Wayne County for road repair in front of his home the County was timely.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 20, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King congratulated Lieutenant Brooks stating his daughter Dana was recognized as Belleville High School "Student of the Week" by a local paper.

A letter from a resident thanking Officer Sweet for assistance he gave after an automobile accident damaged her car.

On Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Committee will host a public Recreation Workshop at the U of M Boathouse located at Van Buren Park to discuss proposed plans and seek community input for the 2 million dollars in Wayne County Funding to improve or build parks or recreation facilities in Van Buren Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-32 the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right of way in the Pine Forest Subdivision. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-33 to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of developing design and construction plans for improvements to public roads in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions specifically noting this action does not commit participating property owners to an assessment. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the request by Wayne County for a petition to vacate the unimproved Waters Street public road right of way, originally platted on January 7, 1836, and with the condition that a utility right of way be maintained should the Township determine it necessary to construct water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or any future utility for the public good to be determined and located by Township staff with the property owners/petitioners and authorize the Supervisor to execute all necessary and appropriate documentation. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the agreement for sewer service for 7477 Rawsonville Road. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of David Brownlee, Tony Gibson and Norm DeBuck to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2007. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Carol Thompson and George Deverich to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2007. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the reappointments of Planning Commission representative, Carol Thompson and Environmental Commission representative, Norm DeBuck to the Open Space Committee with terms to expire October 1, 2007. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the October 5, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

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The last day to register for the November 2nd General Election was October 4th. Absentee ballots are available and are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office. Contact the Clerk's Office at 699.8909 for additional information.

On October 16th at 6:00 p.m. an Italian Dinner and Auction will be held at the Van Buren Eagles Club on Beck Road with funds to be given to Mott's Children's Hospital for cancer research.

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Project green light

Connie Nagle, media specialist at North Middle School, received a $750 award last week from the Foundation for the Future of Education to assist with innovative programs that enhance curriculums. Nagle petitioned the foundation for support in purchasing materials for a series of multi-media presentations incorporating mammal research conducted by the 6th grade students at the school. Nagle said that the program will integrate data gathered by the students with a clay animation presentation. With this program, approximately 230 students will work in teams of four, designing their own sets, creating clay models, organizing information and documenting their findings in original scripts. The students will then use a digital camera to shoot their presentations using clay-modeled animals as their main characters. This in-depth project includes several subject areas including library research, art, video production, science and script writing, as well as the experience of working toward a common goal, according to Nagle.

Writers to meet at college

Hundreds of professional writers are expected at Schoolcraft College this weekend for the 42nd annual writer's conference put on by the organization formerly known as the Women Writers of Detroit (WWD).

The group still has the same acronym, but a new moniker, according to Kathleen Ripley Leo, a Northville-based poet and member of the group. They are now the Working Writers of Detroit.

Ripley Leo, who will present a poetry lecture during the two-day event that starts tomorrow, said the conference is among the most popular – and most successful – in the region.

"This conference has really taken off," she said.

It returns after a one-year hiatus, during which members of the group dealt with the logistics of a change in venue. It formerly took place at Oakland University.

"(Schoolcraft College) had wanted to host the conference for at least two years," she said. "They just didn't have the resources to sponsor it."

The event starts tomorrow with all day writing retreats, along with individual writing seminars. It takes place in the VisTaTech Center at the school.

Several well known writers highlight the event, she said. Tomas Lynch of Milford will give the key-note speech at the kick off dinner tomorrow night and Denise Stinson, an editor at large for Warner Books will take center stage Saturday morning. The luncheon speaker on Saturday will be Judith Guest, whose Ordinary People was transformed into an Oscar-winning movie.

Throughout the day on Saturday there are more than 50 different lectures available on 12 different tracks geared toward every type of working writer, from playwrights to novelists, short story writers and journalists. Everyone will have the opportunity to present their work to four different editors in their respective fields.

The group maintains an active membership in addition to the annual conference. Further details can be found on the web site, www.detworkingwriters.org.

The conference, Ripley Leo said, is designed to be a generalist writer's conference, so no one is excluded.

"We try to have something for everyone, on a very professional scale," she said.

OBITUARIES

COPP, Pearl Emma

Pearl Emma Copp, 81, a lifelong resident of the Belleville area, died Sept. 30.

Among her survivors are her children, Alice (Robert) Smith of Skidway Lake, George W. (Mickey) Copp of Belleivlle, Jeannie (Robert) Lee of Willis, Elizabeth Mandelka of Ann Arbor, Margaret (Ron) Haines of Pinckney and Violet R. (Gary) Grams of Dundee; sisters, Hazel (Frank) Anderson of Milan, Esther Lloyd of Romulus and Shirley Schetler of Belleville; 26 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She retired in 1980 from the Rawsonville Road plant of Ford Motor Co. An avid seamstress, Mrs. Copp made her children's bridal and wedding gowns.

A memorial services was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

OSTROWSKI, Helen Madeline

Helen Madeline Ostrowski, 89, of Belleville, died Oct. 2

Among her survivors are her children, Pauline Leveski of Detroit, Paul (Betty) Ostrowski of Belleville, Robert (Denae Raye) Ostrowski of Belleville, Tommy Ostrowski of Detroit and David (Diana) Ostrowski of Ypsilanti; sisters, Rose Ostrowski of Belleville, Hattie Kveen of Trenton and Irene Dzwigalski of Southgate; 19 grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass at for Mrs. Ostrowksi at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

BLACK, James Karl

James Karl Black, 63, of Romulus, died Oct. 2.

Among his survivors are his wife, Margaret L. (Peggy) Black; children, James Black, Jr. of Romulus, Michael T. (Sandy) Black of Taylor, Sally (Steve) McDonald of Romulus, Krala (Jim) Van Essche III of Romulus; a brother, Henry Balck of Romulus; sisters, Helene (Joe) Weick of New Boston, Diane (Duane) Bollinger of Flint, Sue (Ron) Roerich of Romulus; stepsons, John F. Nahlia and Frances E. Nahlia, both of Romulus; stepdaughters, Shirley Parmelea of South Bend, IN, Kathleen Nahlia of Wilcox, Mary Lou (Chester) Riddle of Romulus and Emeta A. Mainer of Canton Township.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Edjimadu officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

RENO, Rosie M.

Rosie M. Reno, 76, of Sumpter Township, died Oct. 1.

Among he survivors are her children, Pete, Marlin "Randy" Reno and Cathy (Ray) Chelnek; sisters; a brother, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

STEINHARDT, Sandra C.

Sandra C. Steinhardt, 36, of Romulus, died Oct. 5.

Among her survivors are her husband, Timothy E. Steinhardt; a son, Timothy E. Steinhardt, Jr.; her parents, Thomas Rose of Edgewater, Fl and Kristine (Jim) O'Neil of Taylor; a brother, Clay T. Rose of Brownstown Township; step-sisters, Tami (James) Crawford of South Carolina; Lisa (Doug) Marley of North Carolina and Kristi Foster of Jackson, and several nieces and nephews.

Father Alexander Wytrwal of St. Stephens Catholic Church in New Boston, where Mrs. Steinhardt was a member and a volunteer, celebrated a funeral mass for her. She was also a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHEDULING PRIMARY ELECTION

The Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing on the issue of whether to schedule the City Primary Election for Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and City Council members at other than the odd-year September election.

The hearing will be held on Monday, October 25, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road Romulus, MI.

The Romulus City Council is proposing to select the first Tuesday after he second Monday in September as the date to hold the City's Primary Election. If the proposed resolution on the September election date is not approved, the City's Primary Elections will be held in August.

Any person with a disability who needs accommodation for participation n this hearing should contact Linda Choate, City Clerk (734) 942-7540 to equest assistance.

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The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The "Haunted Forest" will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October beginning on October 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Van Buren Park.

A Junior Jazzercise program for children will be held on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The '2004 Holiday Arts & Craft Show' will be on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and are spaces still available for crafters. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Deputy Director Smolen announced National Fire Prevention week is October 3rd through October 9th

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident inquired if the comments he made at the September 21, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting were reflected in the minutes. Supervisor King stated yes his comments were reflected in the minutes.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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OPINION

Any fries with that?

Governor Jennifer Granholm signed last week a law designed to protect restaurants from frivolous lawsuits.

It effectively gave them some protection from customers who sued them for the ill-effects of eating their sometimes less-than-healthy cuisine – think about fast food patrons who claim the food at the restaurants made them overweight, and that the restaurants themselves bore the full brunt of that responsibility for making the food so tasty to begin with.

Michigan became one of 14 states across the country to have such legislation on the books.

It has to make one wonder about our society. Are we really so unwilling to take responsibility for our actions? Is the culture today one in which we always have one eye open for a potential lawsuit, a way to cash in any opportunity?

The sad thing is that the law is needed, in the first place. But the truth is that the court system is already clogged with unnecessary lawsuits; frivolous litigation spawned by arrogance, egos or just plain ignorance. It's become a sue-first, ask-questions-later social environment.

Other reforms in our legal system are clearly needed, but they will be difficult changes to make. After all, everyone deserves the right to file suit when they think they have been wronged and there is no other recourse open to them.

We just hope that one day, that will again be the last resort, not the first reaction.

Going above and beyond

The mood was ebullient at Adams Middle School in Westland Saturday.

The parking lot was crammed with residents, young and old, along with school officials, city officials and business representatives. Balloons bobbed in the breeze, children laughed, ran and listened to stories while inspirational music played in the background.

All in all, it was a successful opening of an innovative program organized by Wayne-Westland school officials.

For those who don't know, it was called Project 180, the first of a two-phase program designed to help residents in a troubled area. The name comes from the goal of the program – to help these residents turn their lives around. The community, called Norwayne – even though it is in the southern part of Westland – is one that has been particularly hard hit during the economic downturn. It is generally a low-income area, with a fluid residency rate – the people who live there tend not to stay, for one reason or another. Because of that, their children don't attend school regularly and their education suffers. School Board President Fred Weaver came up with the program as a way to help.

The first phase of the program is designed to reach out to the residents. The school board members, in fact, extended a helping hand to the residents in a few different ways. First, they offered a job fair, with representatives from local businesses on hand to recruit potential employees. They also provided an inspiration message – the theme of the day was 'You Can' – and they handed out boxes of food to show that they cared.

There's a lot to like about this effort. It shows that the school board is more than just a group that approves or rejects things from the administration, a group that sets a budget and overall policy for the district. It's a group that isn't afraid to reach out and affect positive change, besides all that. It probably wasn't easy to put on the event and venture into uncharted waters, but they recognized the need, and

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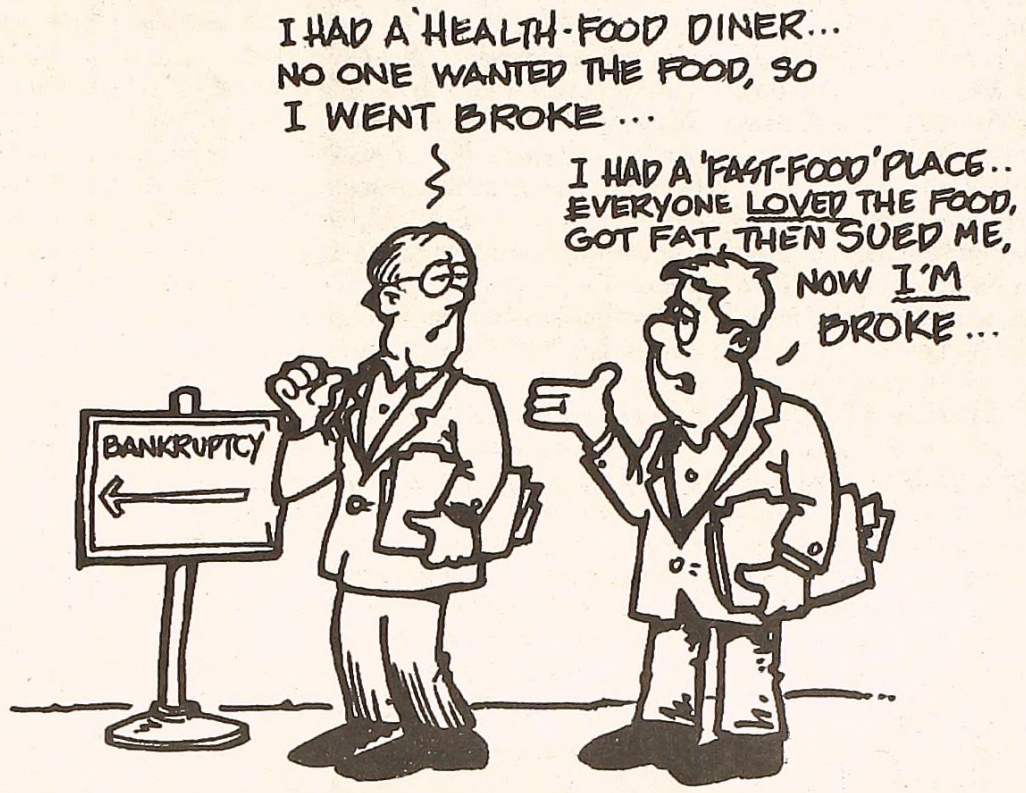

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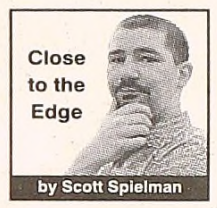

I recently read something that I thought was interesting.

I believe it was on one of the state-wide news services, and it mentioned that the City of Detroit residents usually had the most gripes about their community. The report categorized it as a 'loyalty index,' and inferred that people there are the least likely to be loyal to their communities.

Naturally, I started to think about how it related to the many communities I cover here. It's one of my biggest internal complaints about my job, attending city council meetings or school board meetings when residents stand up and hurl accusations, complaints and sometimes outright defamatory comments at elected and appointed officials.

Now I, like the public officials themselves, know it comes with the job. I'm a firm advocate of the right to free speech and I know as a newspaperman it's part of my responsibility to see that those people have their voice.

At the same time, though, I often find myself cringing, many times seeing through the complaints and criticisms to what lies underneath. Sometimes – and in some communities, more often than not – there's no curiosity or concern for the well-being of the community. There's only a mean-spiritedness that I'm glad I don't share.

At times like that, when I'm watching the clock and trying to maintain an open mind, I can't help but wonder why these people stay in these communities if they're so unhappy with them.

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Let's face it. There are people out there that will never be happy with whoever sits on a government board. Everything will be met with suspicion, if not outright anger. Who knows, maybe they just like the thought of seeing themselves on television, railing against the government.

Maybe they stay out of a sense of stubbornness, with the thought that they shouldn't leave a place they call home. It could even be optimism, that one day they won't have to get up and complain so loudly, with words that sometimes stretch the boundaries of polite society.

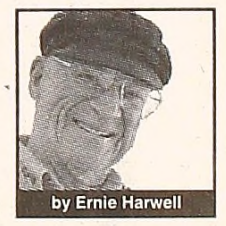
If that's the case – or the claim – then I at least wish they would bring something positive to the table, something other than hints at conspiracies or misdeeds.

It's also important to realize that our First Amendment does not guarantee the right to say anything to anyone. You can't go about blatantly insulting people, accusing them of crimes or trying to defame their characters. Believe it or not, they have rights too.

I think it's time for everyone to take their own personal loyalty test, to determine what they're angry about and why. It doesn't mean you have to blindly follow the 'line' tossed out by the local officials and can't question what you don't understand, or offer up disagreements.

Just remember that people are people, no matter where they may be sitting.

Overweight children, overweight adults



It disturbs me to hear about the growing obesity problem among children. Today, one out of every five children in our country is overweight and the number keeps getting bigger. That's bad news, not just because of the effect on kids' health today, but because overweight kids tend to become overweight adults with increased chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and the like.

Here are some things you parents can try to help prevent their kids from becoming overweight:

• Don't insist that your child clean his or her plate all the time.

• Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.

• Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a minimum.

• Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and cookies.

It turns out that the best way to help your kids is to set a good example. This way, you develop healthy habits to benefit you, and your kids see a good role model for healthy living.

Like a double play at the old ballpark, it's two for the price of one!

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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the value, of the program and the community responded.

It's also important to point out that this wasn't just a one-day, feel-good event. The board plans to revisit the project for a second phase, themed: Don't move, groove. The second phase will be geared toward the parents, with seminars on how to better plan their lives, reduce debt and make more positive choices.

The second part of the plan will be even more important than the event last Saturday, because it will show residents that they should stick around for a longer haul, because the school board intends to stick with them.

To be honest, it might be an easy issue for the members of the board to ignore. It would be far simpler to deal with the negative aspects from behind the dais, work on improving test scores through a curriculum-based initiative.

It wouldn't be as effective, though, and it's refreshing to see that school board members realize that. The proactive approach is a much better one. We applaud their willingness to take it on.

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Letters

Articles receive praise

To the editor;

This is to thank you for your series of articles on our Friends, People Helping People project. Your articles brought to light the hard work that went into making this project a success. We were particularly pleased to see that the articles kept the focus on the efforts of the volunteers and the project enhancing community pride.

For your information, we have publicly acknowledged donations received that made the Friends project possible, from the following: Northside Hardware, Wayne Firefighters, local 1620, Consumer's Energy, Peter McInerney, Mark Chevrolet, Inc. Henry's Service Center, Inc. Law Auto Sales, McKenna Heating & Cooling, Wayne Civitans Club, Donna and Barry McEachern, Susan and Ed Rowe, City of Wayne Goodfellows, Ford Motor Co., Papa Romano's Pizza, Dairy Queen, Mr. & Mrs. Leake, City of Wayne Beautification Committee, Bill Copland, William Artman, Matt Miller, Winchell's Donut House and Master Photofinishing.

It is our goal to make the City of Wayne a more pleasant place to live, for everyone. Thank you for giving your readers a fresh and accurate look at our city and this program.

Susan Sweet-McMahan.
HousingRehabilitation
Specialist
City of Wayne

Camp With A Cop says thanks

To the editor:

On Aug. 20-22, the Van Buren Township Police Department welcomed back their 5th annual "Camp with a Cop" program. This year we had 68 kids ranging from the ages of 8-14 and 30 staff members.

This program has been a great success thanks to all the businesses that made donations funding the program at no cost to the families.

On behalf of the staff of "Camp with a Cop," we would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Director Bruce Ross, his staff and Director Bryce Kelly for their help and support for making this program a success.

The staff of the camp would also like to extend their sincere thanks to area merchants who supported and made contributions to the program: Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows who sponsored the program, Cal's Plumbing and Heating who donated a boy's bike and helmet, Van Buren Estates Manufactured Home Park who donated a girl's bike and helmet, Grandma's Kitchen, The King Pancake Co., Jolly Joe Ice Cream, Walt Michal's RV Center who donated the camper, Van Buren Township Police Officers Association, Van Buren Township Fire Department who donated the smoke house, Coca Cola Bottlers of Detroit, Meijer, Burger King on Ecorse Road, Frosty Boy, J&T Towing, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Winnick Home Builders, Odyssey Builders, Country Pond L.L.C., Walden Woods Development L.C.C., Benitos Pizza, Hungry Howies Pizza, Cottage Inn Pizza and Casinos Pizza.

The camp staff has tentatively set a date for next year's camp—July 29, 30, 31.

Again, thank you.

The staff of "Camp with a Cop"
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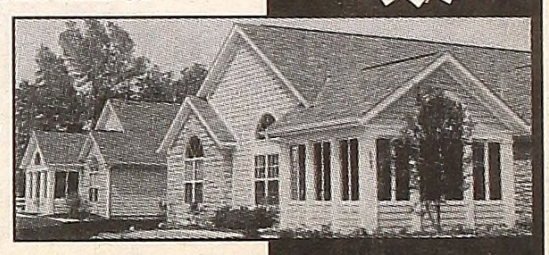
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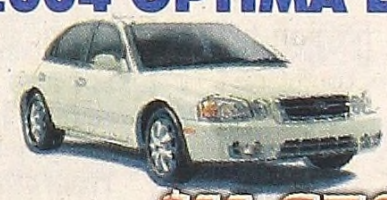
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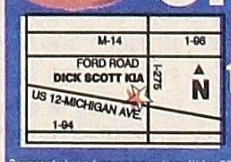

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Ghosthunters offer demonstration at library

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

While the sight of ghostly images and the sound of voices from beyond the grave are staples of horror films, the Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan (GHOSM) will give audiences at the Northville District Library a chance to witness evidence of paranormal phenomena captured during their investigations rather than created in Hollywood.

Robin Lemkie created the organization about 6 years ago after she began to interact with other individuals fascinated by the paranormal.

"I've had this interest all my life," she said.

And apparently, so have a number of other people, since Lemkie said that the group actually had to limit membership.

The group goes on ghost hunts and visits area cemeteries in search of paranormal occurrences, as well as on investigations of purported ghost activities. Lemkie said that while ghost hunts basically involve just seeing what turns up, investigations are different. Hunters know that they are in a particular building for a reason, although they try not to find out too many details before they begin their search.

"People contact us, and I don't think we've ever turned anyone down," said Lemkie. "We do everything we can do. Our goal is always to help the homeowner as well as the spirit."

Just don't call them Ghostbusters. While they try to help spirits move on if they can, Lemkie said that GHOSM tries to be as scientific as possible in its studies, utilizing cameras, tape recorders, temperature gauges and more to physically document any occurrences they may find. She also stressed that members participate as a hobby after their day job is finished, and that they do not charge for their services.

It was public interest, however, that spurred Jeannine Davidson, the head of Adult Services for the Northville District Library, to set up the presentation as both a fun Halloween activity and as a presentation of interest to library patrons after reading about GHOSM in an area newspaper.

"People are fascinated by the unknown," said Davidson. "There is an interest in the paranormal. There is an interest in ghosts. I try to get programs on topics that people are interested in."

The presentation, which will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 25, will involve a power point lecture on past GHOSM activities, featuring haunted houses and cemeteries from across southern Michigan. Lemkie said that they usually begin with the photographs, telling audiences about where they were taken and what they are believed to show. From there, the discussion should progress to the video documentation and the spirit voices.

"It's very thrilling—we get a lot of reaction to the voices," Lemkie said.

Lemkie said that they expect to get a mix of skeptics and believers at the presentation, and that is all right with her.

"Everyone has their own opinion, and we won't try to convince them," she said. She added that past presentations suggest that women tend to be more willing to believe in the phenomena than men.

Space is limited to 75 people, and advance registration is strongly recommended. There is no charge for the event. For more information or to register, contact the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020.

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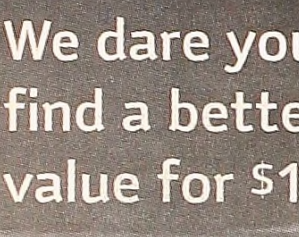
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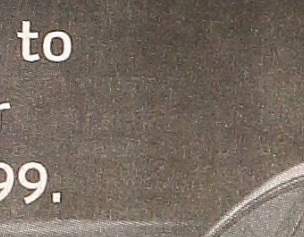
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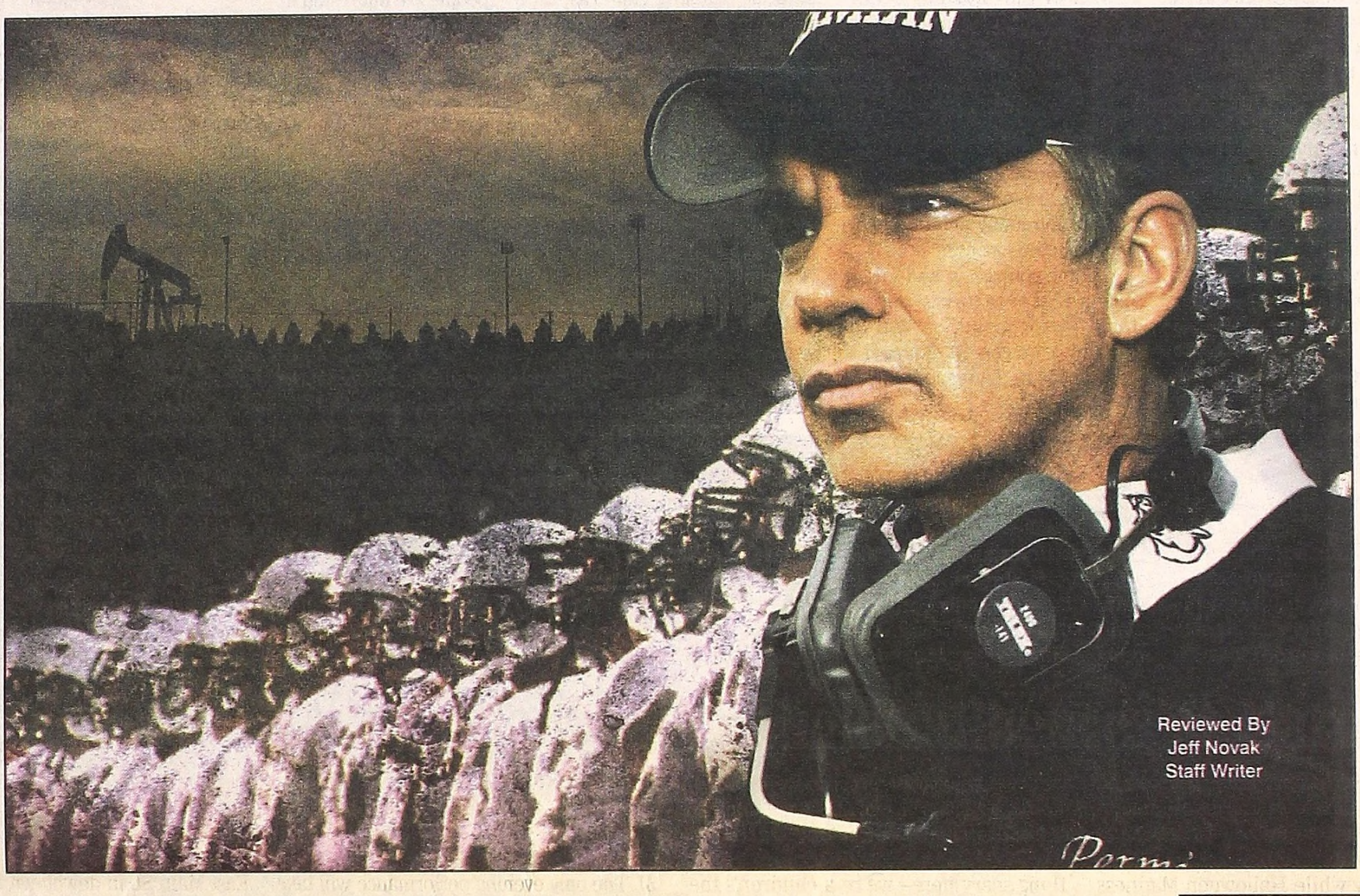
The Scene

Friday Night Lights scores big



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

What is it about football movies that brings out goose bumps and causes full-grown men to tear up? Or is it just me?

Well, I've never claimed to be a full-grown man (a kid at heart, really), but the emotion that drives *Friday Night Lights* is, at times, overwhelming. Then again, I've always been a sucker for the underdog sport movie.

Friday Night Lights is being hailed as the greatest sport story ever told. That may be taking it a little too far, particularly with movies such as Remember the Titans, Hoosiers, Any Given Sunday, Miracle, The Longest Yard and Slap Shot. OK, maybe not Slap Shot, but *Friday Night Lights* should be ranked near the top of any sport movie favorites list. It is what it is; probably the finest film about high school football ever made, based on Buzz Bissinger's nonfiction book of the same name.

Friday Night Lights is based on the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers in Odessa, Texas and their fight to win a state championship. I'm not sure if many people know this but high school football in Texas is like basketball in Indiana or sausage eating in Cleveland – easily the biggest pastime in the state.

Odessa is a town that would rather build a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art football stadium than sink the funds into education. It's a place where the coach earns more money than the principal does, the athletes are hailed as gridiron gods before they can even vote or watch an R-rated movie and where the entire town shuts down every Friday night: 'Gone to game.'

Led by Coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton), the Panthers, "Odessa's boys in black" attempt to live up to the town's expectations – nothing less than a state championship will do. And for many of the athletes, this is their last chance at football greatness and their only ticket out of the dead-end town.

Thornton is brilliant as a coach that is always looking to do the right thing but is burdened by the politics of the town. It's actually entertaining to see Thornton, normally known for his foul-mouthed characters, to refrain from swearing throughout the entire movie.

Black plays Mike Winchell, the self-doubting, insecure quarterback for the Panthers with a less-than-average home life, who needs to come to terms with becoming the leader of the team after star player Boobie Miles (Derek Luke) is injured. Miles is the only player destined to make it to the pros but his career is cut short in the first game with a severe knee injury.

Now, the dreams and hopes of the town rest on the padded shoulders of other young gridiron heroes. Players like Brian Chavez (Jay Hernandez), Chris Comer (Lee Thompson Young), Don Billingsley (Garret Hedlund) and Ivory Christian (Lee Jackson) must step up to bring home the trophy.

But can they? The only thing that stands in their way is a bigger, stronger and faster team.

Another memorable performance is by country singer Tim McGraw who portrays Charlie Billingsley, the alcoholic father of Don. McGraw, who viewers may not recognize until the credits (probably because he wasn't wearing a cowboy hat and driving a Ford F-150), is actually quite impressive in his acting debut. The character isn't at all flattering for any actor but he pulls it off. Charlie was once a member of a Permian championship team but his life has since gone downhill. He expects nothing less than a championship from his son as well.

Director Peter Berg does an excellent job juggling the various sub plots and developing characters while filming some of the best football scenes in the genre – the games look like actual game footage. Every scene is emotionally-dependant on a deep pass, a bone-crushing hit or long run to the end zone.

Disregarding the ending, theater goers cheered and clapped at every momentum swing in the final game. A lump formed in my throat during the sentimental "perfect" half time speech Gaines gives to rally the troops and shivers ran up and down my spine as the team rallied back from a deficit.

However, football is a game of inches and it's proved in the end. No matter, football is really about life. Right?

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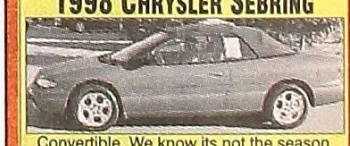
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THE SCENE

Self-help author has local roots

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Author Calvin Stevens grew up in Inkster with 12 brothers and sisters.

Calvin Stevens said he learned a lot about diplomacy when he grew up in Inkster, one of 13 siblings in a little house on Burns Street.

As one of three boys, the women vastly outnumbered him in his house. There were times when obtaining clothing and food was difficult, at best.

But Stevens, now 57 and a resident of Atlanta, learned everything he needed to thrive within the confines of the crowded home.

Now, he hopes to bring some of that knowledge to others through his new self-help book, *Four Steps in Developing Your ACE (Attitude, Commitment and Enthusiasm)*. The book intermingles the teaching of the Bible with valuable life lessons learned in Inkster.

"There were times that were hard – and we all worked," said Stevens. "But we stuck together; we have a family reunion every two years. The book outlines some of the struggles of my family."

Stevens said most of his brothers and sisters still live in Wayne County, except for a brother who lives in Ohio. Many still live in Inkster, he said.

Four Steps focuses on developing a strategy that will move the reader's life forward, Stevens said. Careers, home life and relationships are covered in a way that will help people make decisions that will help them reach their goals.

"These are skills that everyone needs to develop," he said. "It's essential to have a plan, but everyone has different circumstances."

Stevens said what sets his book apart from the thousands of self-help books on the market is the biblical references to motivate individuals. A central theme of the book is that people who have mastered their ACE are not born, they're created – using the four Ps of Success: Passion, Patience, Purpose and Prayer.

After he graduated from Inkster High School in 1965, Stevens joined the Air Force. He was honorably discharged and took a position as an associate with the U.S. General Services Administration in Georgia, where he does a fair amount of public speaking at seminars on personal and professional development.

Stevens said he never thought of writing a book until a few years ago. "A colleague of mine heard me speak, and he told me, 'I think you have a book there.' That's how this whole thing came about."

An accomplished percussionist, Stevens played with the Air Force Band. He continues to serve as a first sergeant in the Air Force Reserve at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Four Steps in Developing Your A.C.E (Attitude, Commitment and Enthusiasm) will be available in large chain bookstores like Barnes & Noble and Borders on Nov. 15. The price is $11.95.

'Halloween Madness' continues to delight audiences at Marquis

Haunted houses and scary attractions may be Halloween classics, but the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville will provide a seasonal activity suitable for the whole family while Halloween Madness, continues..

The show is a musical comedy focused on the antics of the fun-loving caretakers of an old castle. When the owner meets them for the first time, though, the caretakers have to keep their behavior under control so that she won't realize that they're actually monsters.

"They're running around and trying to act normal so that they can stay there," said Christina Zayti, technical director for the Marquis Theatre.

While the interactive show features a Halloween theme, it is deliberately non-scary, as are the decorations scattered throughout the school.

"People always think it's scary because of the name," said Zayti. "We don't do anything scary here—we're a children's theater."

The Halloween show at the Marquis, Zayti said, is a tradition for some families searching for an activity that the entire family can enjoy.

"There's really not that much out there for little kids," she said. "Where do you take them?"

The show appeals to adults as well as to children, she said, thanks to jokes that kids miss as well as to music the entire family can appreciate.

"We always try to gear toward everyone," Zayti said.

The show will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 16, 23, and 30 and at 11 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 23 and 30. Sunday shows will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31. The only evening performance will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29.

Tickets to the show are $7.50 each, and no children under the age of 3 will be permitted. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume when they attend.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main St. in downtown Northville, just east of Center Street. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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04-406

6A3. Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce an amendment to Chapter 7, Article VII, an Ordinance approving the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-407

8. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to request the Administration to request the Cable Division to televise all Public Hearings held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-408

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse payment of Warrant 04-18 in the amount of One Million, Eighty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Fifteen Cents, ($1,088,254.15).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Romak supported by Wadsworth, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held Septemb 27, 2004.

Linda R.Choate,
City Clerk

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The Scene

'Diaries' brings history to screen

John Counts
Staff Writer

Before his face graced t-shirts worn by innumerable teenagers in suburban America; before the revolutions and political martyrdom, Che Guevara was Ernesto Guevara, an Argentine medical student from a middle class background.

In 1952, the 23-year-old Guevara decided to take a semester away from school and head out on an epic 9,000-mile motorcycle trip across South America with his friend Alberto Granada, a 29-year-old biochemist. Their written accounts of the trip have now been put on the screen by director Walter Salles.

The result, *The Motorcycle Diaries*, is a beautifully photographed road trip movie that will engage the audience even if the only thing they know about Guevara is that he's the mustached, beret-wearing guy on the front of the now defunct band *Rage Against the Machine* t-shirts.

The movie begins as a buddy flick. Young, intense Ernesto (Gael Garcia Bernal) wants to see the South American continent, thirsting for adventure and understanding. Granada is older, but not much wiser. He has the same yearnings, which have become more significant, given his age. Granada, played by Rodrigo de la Serna, can always be counted on to keep the mood ebullient when the going gets rough. Which, in road movies, is never too far off.

The restless duo hit the road on their Rocinante, a motorcycle they dub "The Mighty One," which the audience quickly realizes isn't so mighty. A near wipeout moments after they first take off in the streets of Buenos Aires is only prelude for the wipeouts to come on their mountainous journey.

But as the trip wears on, the thirst for adventure and women becomes less important. It becomes more of a spiritual journey into the heart of the continent. The locations, the Andes, the Amazon, are breathtaking backdrops and may just inspire those watching to go to the airport straight from the theater.

For the most part, the movie forgets politics. But this is, after all, Che Guevara as a young man. His coming of age story is more unique than most 23-year-olds. He would, after all, be executed in a Bolivian jungle a little more than 15 years later.

Salles uses the trip through the continent as an opportunity for Guevara to see the misfortune and mistreatment of the downtrodden workers. The more of it he sees, the less interested he seems in adventure and the more high-minded he becomes. Moments like this are generally a distraction, and are only tolerated because of the historical figure Guevara became—but they are also the only reason why this buddy-road-trip movie ever came to be told.

These moments aren't too painful, though, and they're gotten through quickly. With or without them, the movie unfolds nicely against the beautiful, South American landscape.

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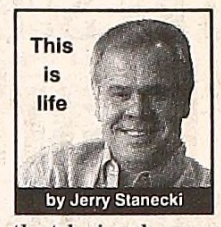

On Oct. 25, 2002, he crumpled up a pack of cigarettes and threw them away and never smoked again. It was the same day the man, who had smoked cigarettes for 50 of his 70 years, was told he had lung cancer complicated by emphysema.

In his obituary less than two years later, the man's wife could only describe his action as "impressive."

The obit caught my eye because of the man's resolve. . .sadly it came too late.

Why, I wondered, do so many of us always push the envelope, why do we rationalize until it's too late, why do we do things that we know are harming us?

A couple of days later—no, I don't make it a habit of reading obituaries, I just quickly check them— I spotted another headline "Led Matterhorn climbers."

That caught my interest, so I read on.

The obituary briefly told the story of Ulrich Inderbinen, a legendary mountain climber in the Swiss Alps. In fact, he was known as the "King of the Alps."

Inderbinen, who climbed, (for the last time) the famed Matterhorn when he was 90, said a final farewell at 103 years old.

He climbed the 15,000-foot high Matterhorn the first time in 1921. Four years later he became a guide and climbed mountains higher then 13,000 feet while in his 90s.

"Stress and haste are unknown to me," Inderbinen said. "I live as I climb mountains—at a pace that is slow and deliberate, but also purposeful and regular."

Hmm.

I was reminded of a cold December night I spent high in the Alps in Murren, Switzerland, a village overlooking the valley of waterfalls. It is accessible only by gondola or train, for it allows no motorized vehicles.

We'd checked into a small-alpine style hotel where thick down comforter covered plump featherbed.

Walking down the stairs that evening, I heard music coming from behind a door in the corner of the lobby. I opened the door and walked in a room right out of a movie scene.

It was a Tyrolean tavern, filled with people, porcelain beer steins and a quite stout jovial bartender with handlebar mustache and white apron across his belly.

In one corner, an old man sat on a three leg wooden stool playing a squeezebox. He played while puffing a pipe as people smiled and sang.

When the song ended, someone shouted," Yodel, yodel."

And yodel he did, for he next hour-and-a-half. He told me he got up each morning at 5 to milk his 13 cows. He took the gondola up to Murren where he worked on the ski lift and yodeled four nights a week. At midnight, he's ski down the mountain regardless of the weather: Oh, he was 75 years old.

It's sad that so many of us learn too late that the most important obligation we have is to celebrate the gift of life by taking care of ourselves first. And, do so, before we are told there's no time left.

Freedom is indeed helped by what we surround ourselves with.

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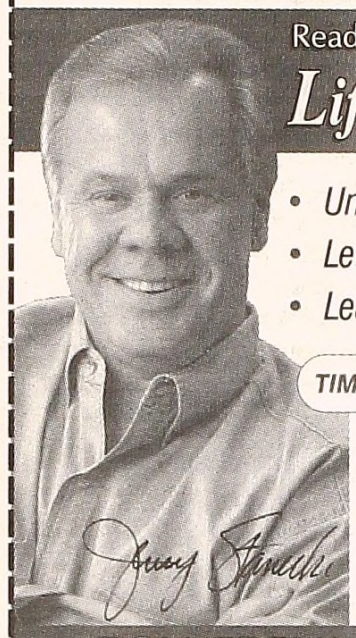

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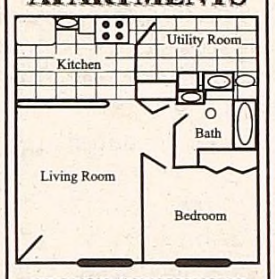

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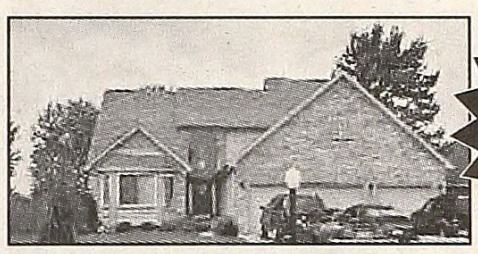

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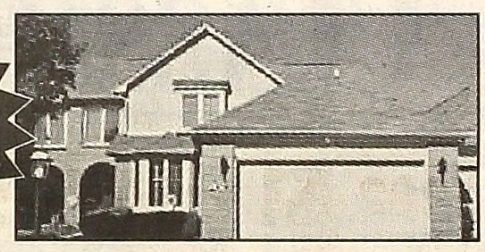

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Sports

Mustang soccer overcomes injuries, defeats Central, 4-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs had to juggle their lineup last Wednesday, but they still pulled out a 4-0 victory against Walled Lake Central.

Northville Coach Henry Klimes said he had to switch things up for the final game of the regular season because of several injuries and suspensions. Five starters were kept out of the game, but that didn't stop the top-ranked 'Stangs from finishing the regular season undefeated. They finished at 11-0 in conference play and 17-0-1 overall.

Against Central, Northville jumped to a 2-0-halftime lead. Outside midfielder Alex Rickett jump-started the horses with the first goal. With starters Phil Yutzy and Nick Kaldis out with injuries, Rickett has received a plethora of playing time and has been taking advantage of it, Klimes said.

Chris Leonetti, who also filled in at outside midfielder, scored a goal to put the team up, 2-0, before the half.

Northville enjoyed an extended halftime show where the seniors were honored.

"It was nice," Klimes said. "It ran a little long, but Walled Lake Central was nice enough to let it go without saying anything."

Northville picked up in the second half where they left off when sophomore Jon Junca scored the team's third unanswered goal. Junior Justin Lockwood made it 4-0 and put the game away.

Despite the aches and pains, the Mustangs pulled out the victory.

Klimes said that this isn't the best time, with districts just around the corner, for all of the injuries, but feels the team will get through it.

Along with Yutzy and Kaldis, the team's leading scorer and Mr. Soccer candidate James Hannah is also out with an ankle injury.

"Hopefully he's a quick healer and we can get him back in the district playoffs," Klimes said.

Hannah leads the team with 23 goals. It could be a huge loss if he's out for an extended time.

Starting defenders Mike Blasius and Brandon Barkoski are out with injuries, as well.

Klimes said Yutzy could be

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Lady Eagles fly by Edsel Ford, shut down Trenton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles dominated two league opponents on the road last week.

They scored 61 points in each of their games to defeat Edsel Ford and Trenton and will have to prepare for another week of road games this week.

Most recently, the Eagles knocked off the Dearborn Edsel Ford Thunderbirds, 61-45.

"It was a good week for us in the league, especially being on the road," said Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry. Romulus is 4-0 in league play and 9-2 overall.

They started out fast against the 'Birds and took a 14-7 lead after one quarter of play. But they really put it to them in the second when they knocked down 24 points to take a 38-15 lead into halftime.

Senior guard Janiece Armstrong was a large part of the scoring assault, on her own. The team went on a 10-0 scoring spree at the beginning of the quarter and Armstrong scored all 10 points. She scored 13 of her 20 points in the quarter, including three three-pointers.

"(She) can't be stopped when she's in that groove," Henry said. "When she's in that zone, her teammates know to get her the ball."

Romulus had a strong defensive start in the first half with 22 steals, most of them in the second quarter.

However, the Eagles gave up some points in the second. They limited Edsel Ford to 15 total points in the first but gave up 14 in the third and 16 in the fourth.

"We came out good on defense and intensity that got better as the first half went on," Henry said. "In the second, we weren't rotating the defense right and we gave up a lot of easy shots.

"It's something we're working on. We want to make sure it doesn't happen."

The first-half lead was good enough to pace them to the 61-45 victory.

Armstrong led the way with 20 points and four assists, while senior point guard Paris Hawkins added 12 with seven rebounds, seven assists and eight steals. Hawkins, who stands at 5-foot-4 with shoes on, leads the team in defensive rebounds with 28, according to Henry.

Senior Forward Ashley Sibby scored 10 and nabbed five rebounds. Candace Lawrence led the rebound efforts with eight along with six points. Erika Wasson came off the bench to knock down five points and contribute seven rebounds.

Eagles 61, Trenton 33

Romulus started off with strong defense against Trenton in a 61-33 victory last Tuesday.

They limited the Trojans to eight points in the first quarter, while they scored 17. They only allowed Trenton five points in the second, while their offense improved, scoring 21 points to make it a 38-13 game at half time.

"Again we started off with a good defensive effort that continued to get better as the half went on," Henry said.

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Whalers' defenseman Mike Knight clears out the front of the net for goaltender Ryan Nie in Saturday's 4-1 victory against the Rangers. Knight went on to score the winning goal in overtime against Saginaw on Sunday. Plymouth lost to the Rangers, 6-3, on Friday night.

Knight secures overtime victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Mike Knight's overtime goal sealed the deal for the Plymouth Whalers Sunday night in a 5-4 come-from-behind victory against the Saginaw Spirit.

Less than a minute into the extra period Knight shoveled the puck past the not-so-impenetrable Aaron Rock to secure the win. The whole team was responsible for the comeback attack, though, as five different players scored the goals and another five had assists. Mike Letizia offered three assists on the night, including one on the game-winner.

Saginaw was on the board first when Daniel Borges knocked one in, unassisted, at the 4:58 mark of the first period.

Then Saginaw's Thomas Harrison gave the Whalers a man advantage when he was sent to the box for obstruction tripping. Steve Ward took advantage and knotted the score, 1-1, with help from Letizia.

With plenty of time left in the first period, Saginaw managed two more goals from Sean Courtney and Jesse Gimblett. Patrick McNeill assisted on both goals to put the Spirit up, 3-1. Gimblett's goal came at 18:40 in the period on a power play. Whaler Rookie John Armstrong was penalized for tripping to allow the man advantage.

In the second period, Tim Sestito cut into the Saginaw lead with his fourth goal of the season. Letizia and Dan Collins earned assists on the play. However, Saginaw's Chris Bain made it a two-goal game again at 18:05 in the second. McNeil was a factor on the score.

The third period was the key for the Whalers as they scored two goals to force the overtime. Collins scored his fourth of the season with just 41 seconds left in regulation to knot the game, 4-4. Armstrong and James Neal notched the assist on the tying goal. Dearborn native John Vigilante, with help from Ward, brought the Whalers to within one at 6: 31 in the period.

Knight came through in the extra period to put away the game, 5-4.

Plymouth's net was peppered with 39 shots. Rookie goalie Justin Garay stated, and stopped 14 shots, but allowed three goals.

Veteran Ryan Nie entered the game in the second period and stopped 21 of 2 shots.Plymouth plays two home games this week. They host Erie on Friday night and Kingston on Saturday night.

Mustangs

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back in two weeks, in time for the district playoffs.

"We'll have to endure it and play through it," Klimes said of the plague of injuries. "We'll have to try and extend the season as long as we can so these guys have a chance to come back and play.

"Its good to see that the other kids can win without key players."

Northville hosted No. 2 Stevenson last night for the Western Lakes Conference Championship but the results were not available at press time. Northville defeated Stevenson, 3-1, earlier in the season and could possibly meet them again on Thursday, Oct. 21 in the second round of district play, assuming they beat Redford Union that Tuesday.

Klimes hopes the team will be at or close to full strength at that point.

"I'm not happy about all the injuries but everything happens for a reason," he said. "It's building a lot of character for the boys."

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Eagles

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The defense continued to hang on but the offense wavered in the third frame of play with only seven points, according to Henry. It bounced back, though, in the fourth when they scored 16 to Trenton's nine and put the game away 61-33

Armstrong led with 16 points, which included four three-pointers, and Lawrence added 11 points and had three blocks. Sibby put in nine and accumulated seven rebounds and four steals. Jasmine Charles contributed with eight and four rebounds.

Romulus heads to Garden City tonight to finish a four game road spree. Henry and the Eagles have some unfinished business with the Cougars, though Garden City knocked Romulus out of the district tournament last year – something Henry said she hopes won't happen again this year.

After tonight the Eagles will finish out their last seven games of the regular season with five of them at home.

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Romulus Eagles soar past Lincoln Park

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Mario Crawford (1) runs past Lincoln Park's defense for a 30-yard touchdown in Friday's 21-6 victory at home.

It was a defensive battle when the Romulus Eagles met the Lincoln Park Rail Splitters on the gridiron Friday night.

The first half remained scoreless until, with 32 seconds left on the clock, Lincoln Park kicked a field goal and headed to the locker room with a 3-0 lead. Before that the game oscillated back and forth, usually in a series of three-and-outs for both teams book-ended by punts.

That all changed once Romulus's mighty ground attack, which consisted of senior James Kendricks, freshman Mario Crawford and fullback Jarrel White took control. They combined for nearly 300 yards.

Crawford, who Romulus Coach Wade Cook called the best freshman running back in the state, rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns. He also returned a punt 92 yards for a score.

Kendricks went 127 yards on 13 carries. James Sandefur was 5 for 11 for 65 yards. He threw one interception in the end zone with 8:00 left in the third quarter.

Crawford scampered 30 yards to the end zone to give the Eagles a 6-3 lead with 6:22 left in the third. Anthony Price's extra point attempt was good to make it 7-3. Kalvin Valentine gave Romulus the opportunity to score when he intercepted a pass from Lincoln Park.

Romulus stopped Lincoln Park on their next drive, which forced the them to punt. Big mistake. Crawford accepted the punt and returned it 92 yards for a score. The return and Price's extra point put the Eagles up 14-3 with 1:00 left in the third quarter.

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Tigers fall to Titans, Pioneers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers suffered two losses last week on the basketball courts against Southgate and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

In their most recent game – last Thursday – they led the Southgate Titans through the first half but a strong third period carried Southgate to a 50-44 victory.

Belleville out-scored Southgate 15-12 in the first round of play. An even 11-11 second quarter left the Tigers with a 26-23 half-time lead.

Southgate answered with a 19-point third quarter and pulled ahead for a 42-34 lead. Belleville out-scored Southgate again in the final term of play, 10-8, but it wasn't enough to catch the Titans.

The Tigers had a hard time containing Southgate's Amy Smith, who burned them for 24 points.

Sophomore Taylor Manley stepped up and knocked down 16 points for the Tigers before she had to sit out with a sore back, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. The loss of Manley changed the momentum of the game.

"When Taylor went out we were winning by two points," Edwards said. "When she went out we started turning the ball over."

The turnovers allowed Southgate to take over the lead in the third period. Edwards said he didn't know if Manley would be out for any length of time or if it would affect the team play. Manley did step in place of senior Erika Brewer who averaged 16 points per game before she injured her knee.

Free throws also hurt the Tigers against the Titans, Edwards said. They only made 11-23 from the line.

Tigers 50, Pioneers 52

Belleville faced another tough opponent in Ann Arbor Pioneer last Tuesday.

They managed to rally in the fourth quarter to force an overtime period. The game remained close but Ann Arbor snuck away with a 52-50 victory.

Belleville started out quick with a 13-10 lead after a quarter of play, but Pioneer came back and took a seven-point lead, 27-20 at the half. Ann Arbor extended it to an 11-point margin in the third but Belleville overcame the deficit as they scored 16 points in the final frame of play. It was enough to knot the game at 42

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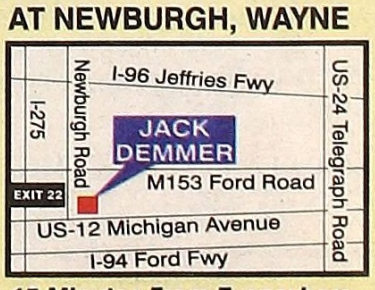

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Football

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Romulus had another chance earlier in the third when Philip Roscoe recovered a fumble at 10:25. The turnover set up a 26-yard touchdown run by Kendricks that was called back on a holding penalty.

It didn't matter.

The Eagles started the final 12 minutes with a 14-3 lead. Crawford and Kendricks moved the ball down field in a drive that resulted in a 14-yard run to pay dirt by Crawford. The jaunt put Romulus up by 17 points with 8:00 left to play. Price's kick was good to make it 21-3.

Lincoln Park squeaked out another field goal to finish the game 21-6 in favor of Romulus.

Cook said he was pleased with the growing toughness of the young team.

"These young guys are really stepping up to a nice level," he said. "It's nice to see – it almost gets me excited for next year.

"It's been a real team effort all year," he added, "guys filling in when there's injuries, slipping in and doing a great job for us."

A big part of the victory was the defense, which Cook described as young, fast, anxious. They give up some points early but once they settle down and figure out the offense, they really come on strong, he said.

"Defense had a tremendous game," Cook said. "They played at a high level and with technique to shut down the Lincoln Park offense, which was a hard test. If Lincoln Park wins this game, they win our league."

Outside linebacker Diddier Mami led the defense with 17 tackles. White, who also plays outside linebacker, recorded five solo tackles. Junior Larry Farrow gained two sacks and caused two fumbles.

Mami, White, Farrow and the rest of the Eagle defense will be put to the test when they take on Truman's offense tomorrow night in Taylor. Romulus is 3-4 overall while Truman sits at 5-2 in the Mega White.

Basketball

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and force the extra period.

Free throws were the key in overtime. Ann Arbor nailed 8 of 10 while Belleville hit just one, according to Edwards. Pioneer won the period, 10-8, to steal the win, 52-50.

Manley led the team again with 19 points and six assists. Cindy McGoldrick was tough off of the boards, with 15 rebounds. Edwards said she averages 11 rebounds per game. She also added nine points, along with Rene Seng.

"If we just protect the ball and make some free throws the outcome would be different," Edwards said.

The 4-7 Tigers will host Wyandotte tonight. After that, Belleville will be put to the test when they hit the road for six of their last seven games.

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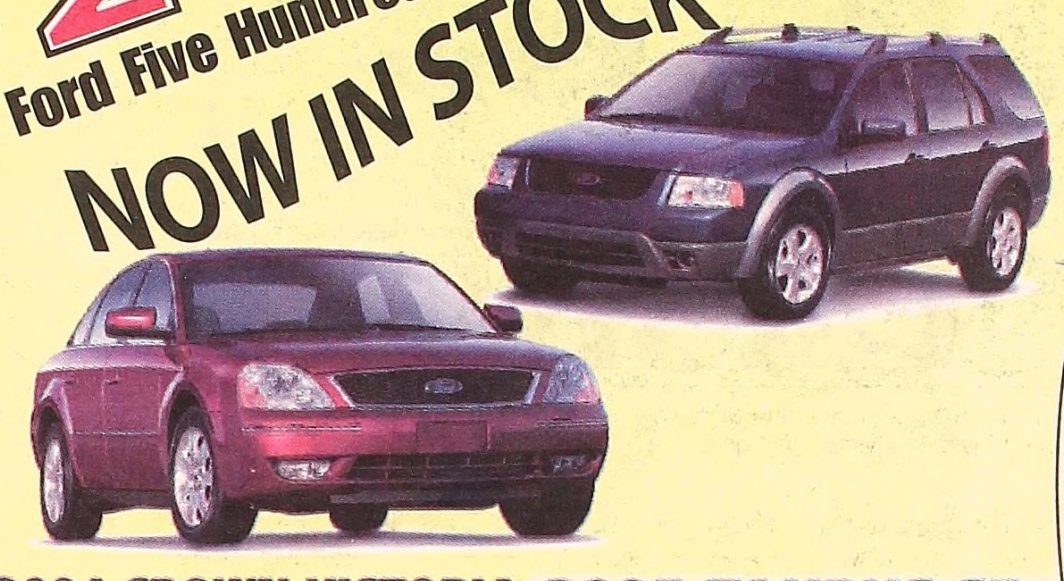

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